

Sunset Review

Subsection 41-6a-702(5). Left lane restrictions -- Exceptions -- Other lane restrictions -- Penalties.

Key legislative history: Amended in 2005 by adding Subsection (5)(b) and adding "issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-418" and "to the extent authorized or permitted by federal law or federal regulation" in Subsection (5)(a).

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(1) As used in this section and Section 41-6a-704, "general purpose lane" means a highway lane open to vehicular traffic but does not include a designated:

- (a) high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane; or
- (b) auxiliary lane that begins as a freeway on-ramp and ends as part of the next freeway off-ramp.

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(4) (a) A highway authority may designate a specific lane or lanes of travel for any type of vehicle on a highway or portion of a highway under its jurisdiction for the:

- (i) safety of the public;
- (ii) efficient maintenance of a highway; or
- (iii) use of high occupancy vehicles.

(b) The lane designation under Subsection (4)(a) is effective when appropriate signs giving notice are erected on the highway or portion of the highway.

(5) (a) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), the lane designation under Subsection (4)(a) shall allow a vehicle with clean fuel special group license plates issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-418 to travel in lanes designated for the use of high occupancy vehicles regardless of the number of occupants to the extent authorized or permitted by federal law or federal regulation.

(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the Department of Transportation may make rules to allow a vehicle with clean fuel special group license plates issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-418 to travel in lanes designated for the use of high occupancy vehicles regardless of the number of occupants to the extent authorized or permitted by federal law or federal regulation.

(6) A person who operates a vehicle in violation of Subsection (2) or in violation of the restrictions made under Subsection (4) is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

Sources: Utah Code Ann. § 41-6a-702 , 63I-1-241; 2005 Laws of Utah, Ch. 2, § 95, Ch. 108, § 1.

